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## **REMARKS**

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2006. Claims 2, 5-9, 16, and 21 were objected to. Claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 17-20, 22, and 23 were rejected. The claims have been cancelled to address the concerns raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1-23 were originally presented. Claims 10-14 remain in the application. Claims 1-9 and 15-23 have been canceled without prejudice.

## CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 10-14 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Steve M. Perry at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Check No. 25809, in the amount of \$225.00, is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), for a 2 month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. No claims were added, while 18 claims were canceled (claims 1-9 and 15-23), including independent claims (claims 1, 15, and 20). Therefore, no additional fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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